

REMARKS

Status of Claims:

Claims 1, 4-6 and 9-15 have been cancelled. Claims 16 and 17 have been added. Thus claims 2, 3, 7, 8, 15 and 16 remain for examination.

Rejections under § 112:

Claims 1-8, 10-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, ¶2 as being indefinite. Applicant has amended the claims to remove the grounds for the 112 rejection. It is submitted that all of applicant's claims now fully comply with the requirements of Sec. 112.

Allowable Subject Matter:

The examiner has indicated that claims 7 and 8 contain allowable subject matter. By way of the instant amendment, claim 7 has been amended to incorporate therein the limitations of claim 1, and claim 8 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claims 1 and 2 thus essentially re-writing claims 7 and 8 into independent form. Thus claim 7 and 8 are deemed to be in condition for allowance.

Claims 2 and 3 have been amended to depend from claim 7 and are likewise deemed in condition for allowance.

Claims 16 and 17 are the same as claims 2 and 3 but depend from claim 8 and are thus likewise deemed to be allowable.

All remaining claims have been cancelled.

Conclusion:

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a

telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

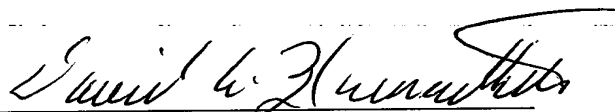
If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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